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94th veterans recall the feelings of war

By Senior Airman David Atchison,
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For many Americans, Veteran's Day is a time to pause and remember those who sacrificed their lives for their country. For many of today's veterans, however, it goes a step further. It's a time to remember fallen comrades and to reflect on personal feelings about war and its devastation.

You'll find two such veterans here at Dobbins ARB. They've been sent in harm's way and understand the harsh realities of war and the way it effects life. They're Senior Master Sgt. Dallas Godfrey, 94th Airlift Wing Plans, and Master Sgt. Manni Kimball, flight engineer, 700th Airlift Squadron.

"War is something you don't really want to remember, but you can never forget it," said Godfrey, who was drafted into the Army in 1969 at the age of 19 just in time for the Vietnam War.

"We thought we were going to go over there and kick some butt," he continued. "But securing freedom comes at a high cost. I thought I was invincible until I saw the bodies of soldiers being transported back from the field. Seeing that people were dying out there really made me feel fortunate to be alive. Fear became a driving element and a key for survival."

"Vietnam was nothing like home," said Godfrey who remembers the discomfort of the weather. "On an average day, it was 120 degrees and along with the heat came a monsoon season."

In contrast, Godfrey recalls one of his fondest memories at Christmas. "We took care of some Vietnamese orphans by making sure they had a Christmas," said Godfrey. "The children were orphaned by the war. We raided the mess hall and took them food. It didn't seem like much to us but it meant so much to the kids."

"When you're in a different country and environment,

you miss a lot of things from home, and I missed the food," continued Godfrey. "My parents and family helped keep my morale up by sending me baked goods and southern foods. The home cooked foods helped, but nothing could replace missed holidays with the loved ones."

Also serving in Vietnam, Kimball joined the Air Force in 1963. "War is nothing but a last resort when diplomacy and justice fail," said Kimball, who flew more than 300 com-

bat missions in Vietnam, spending 18 months in country. He's too familiar with the stress and tensions caused by war and conflict as he also served in Bosnia and Kosovo.

ble to missile attacks and anti-aircraft fire on their approaches and departures in Vietnam and during the Balkan conflicts. During their missions, the entire crew was constantly on the watch for missiles.

Being on the ground wasn't always a secure feeling either. For example, in Sarajevo, Kimball and his crew had to contend with the threat of sniper fire and mortar attacks. Kimball, who was stationed at Ramstein Air Base in Germany, said he was thankful that he only had to fly missions into Sarajevo. While he views war as life on the edge, he feels that one positive aspect is that the human spirit bounces back.

"The desolation and destruction caused by war really gets to you," said Kimball. "Flying into the Sarajevo airport in 1994, I saw all the buildings that had been destroyed by the conflict. When I returned in 1999, I saw those same buildings being rebuilt. Seeing the spirit of the people through their rebuilding effort is uplifting for your morale."

Though a seasoned professional, war still shakes this veteran and he misses his family each time he's called to serve. Kimball agrees that being away from your family always takes its toll. "Being stationed at Ramstein away from the Sarajevo and Kosovo actions was nice, but it wasn't home," said Kimball. "We worked long hours and didn't have any personal time. That's when the people around you become your family. The Air Force is filled with good people who are willing to act as a surrogate family."

(Writer's Note: War tears people apart and it brings them together. Many don't survive it. To have the privilege to spend time with those who have put their lives at risk for our country and its principals brings a clear vision of what Veteran's Day is about. This story focused on two members of the unit, but there are many more with their own unique combat experiences. By sharing their stories with us, we learn more about conflict and the emotions it induces.)



With Veterans Day nearing, Senior Master Sgt. Dallas Godfrey, pictured at left, and Master Sgt. Manni Kimball express many of the same feelings felt by veterans across the nation. Both have served their country in times of war. (Photos by Don Peek)

bat missions in Vietnam, spending 18 months in country. He's too familiar with the stress and tensions caused by war and conflict as he also served in Bosnia and Kosovo.

"Most of my memories about conflict are of being on the edge," said Kimball. "Flying in a hostile environment makes you and your crew members sharper. Flying so many missions and dealing with so many variables makes your mind work on another level." Aircraft were highly vulnera-

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Around the Wing



(Photo by Rick Ross)

By Col. William P. Kane
94th Airlift Wing, commander

Last week I attended a conference at Headquarters AETC, and heard many briefings. One of those briefings covered funding for the Air Force for the upcoming year and some short falls that are expected. At first I was frustrated, if not surprised, by that news. Later upon some reflection, it occurred to me that we in the Air Force are extremely lucky. We have equipment that is safe and functional. We have a system that doesn't play favorites and lets individuals talents determine their career. We have a wing filled with dedicated individuals that believe as I do that we live in a great nation.

It is always good to keep things in perspective. My perspective is that I have an exceptionally large number of things to be thankful for. Certainly there is family and personal things. But in this article I would like to focus on you. I am truly thankful for the opportunity to lead such a wonderful group of people. Your awesome talents and creativity never cease to amaze me.

We all have difficult jobs around the wing. Whether you are a wing commander or crew chief, an ART, civilian or a traditional reservist; whether a pilot or a plumber; a medic or a transporter; your job requires dedication and exceptional effort.

For the extraordinary people that make this wing successful I am thankful. We ask you to deploy to a lot of places (far more than your employer or family would like) to support our nation. I am grateful for that effort. I occasionally make the time to thank people for those sacrifices but let me recognize your efforts again here today.

Additionally today, I'd like to focus on the unsung heroes. Every day of every month people are performing jobs that may seem distant from our primary missions. These jobs are nearly invisible unless they don't happen. Then they are very, very visible. I wanted to take time today to say thank you. You who are tasked as drug test, weight control, or fitness walk monitor, thanks. For those who have served as visit escorts, or helped with visiting generals, thank you for your help. Some of you have filled in at the last minute to meet transportation requests, thanks for making it happen. Others have been asked to dress up your building for a VIP visit only to have us bypass your area, thank you as well. The list could go on and on. These are but a few of the unsung tasks that go on around the wing. All are important and without your effort, the wing couldn't accomplish its mission. Some of you have been volunteers; others have been tasked with the duty. In either case the job is done well, and usually without thanks from anyone.

This is one opportunity to say thank you. I can't do it by name, because the list would be too long. You know who you are. As I count my many blessings this Thanksgiving, one of them will be for the performance of the sung and unsung warriors around the wing.

Thank you, and Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families.

Supervisors and responsibility

By Tech. Sgt. Rosa L. Bell
94th Mission Support Squadron

The key to our unit's successful operation is the leadership exerted by supervisors. Policies established throughout the organization, both at the unit level and by higher Air Force, are communicated and enforced by supervisors. These policies should be clearly stated and communicated

to all levels. Supervisors are responsible for ensuring that there is adequate understanding of policies, and much of this is accomplished through training and communications. The tone we set in communicating and enforcing policies, regulations and instructions, may determine the degree to which our trainees accept established guidelines and carry out procedures. When we do not set a good tone to begin with, we are like conductors of an orchestra or choir; we must start over again when someone is off note. If there is a problem in the supervisor-trainee relationship, remember the Total Quality Management lessons and consider a Problem Solving Process (PSP).

Top-Three Connection



(Photo by Tech. Sgt. Stan Coleman)

By Master Sgt. Rosalyn Culbertson
94th Airlift Wing Inspector General,
information management NCO

Many of us were influenced by our family members to join the military. The stories and the experiences of our fathers, mothers, uncles, and brothers gave us insight, admiration and awe as well as a feeling for the hard times experienced while serving Uncle Sam.

My grandfather, Robert Culbertson,

was and still is my source of inspiration for wanting to be a member of our country's fighting force. He was an Army infantryman in Europe during World War II. Even though racial discrimination was very intense during his youth, he still wanted to serve.

When I was a young girl, living in Polkton, N.C., my grandfather shared his battlefield experiences with me. I learned of the foxhole and the ducking and dodging of bullets. He shared his feelings of isolation and how his heart seemed to beat a 100 times faster than normal. He was faced with the reality that those moments on the battlefield could be the last moments of his life.

Every veteran may not have the experience of battle. But there are many other experiences they all share — boot camp, letters from home, and the wearing of their military uniforms.

All of our veterans didn't get a hero's welcome for their homecoming. Veterans Day is an opportunity to say "thank you for serving, thank you for those months you spent at sea, thank you for the cold weather you endured while on guard duty, thank you for the long hours of attention to detail at your many jobs." There are so many "thank-you's" that we can give.

And there are many veterans' stories that we should take time to listen to if they are shared. If you don't have a family member to share his or her military experiences, there are still veterans young and old to fill that void.

One of my active duty assignments was the Office of Air Force History on Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C. I typed history books about all the wars and about the Army Air Corps, which is what the Air Force was part of before becoming a separate service. I was amazed when I came across World War II events that my grandfather experienced and told me about.

All veterans represent a moment of American military history. Not all are willing to talk about their experiences. But if they do talk, we should listen. After all, many of us are veterans. And we will have stories to tell about our experiences. Who knows? Your experiences may very well influence the young members of your family to join the military.

And let me take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the veterans who served and made it possible for me to continue in the legacy of my grandfather.

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Preservation group seeks to restore old Air Force equipment

By Chief Master Sgt. David Curtis,
Public Affairs

A local group of retired and active Air Force members and civilians have joined forces to save pieces of Air Force history. With its roots in Georgia, the Air Force Aviation Heritage Foundation was formed as a non-profit corporation in April 2000 to promote the preservation of Air Force aircraft, equipment and memorabilia specifically related to the Korean and Vietnam War eras.

According to Ken Perry, founder and president of the foundation, the group's goal is to bring equipment back to its operational status and make it available for the public to see and touch. Foundation members are in the process of locating and gathering Air Force aircraft and equipment that represent the means airmen used to preserve democracy around the world.

"I remember my father, who was a flight mechanic and loadmaster, bringing me out to Dobbins and showing me the C-7 Caribou and acquainting me with the history of the aircraft and what it did for our country," recalled Perry. "I'm proud of his service to the country and my uncle's service with the Air Guard and hope that the efforts of the foundation will bring a piece of histo-

ry alive for younger Americans."

Members of the foundation include commanders, pilots and maintainers who

"As we ease into our role, we not only want to preserve equipment but to also provide a forum for veterans to pass along their



From left, Ron Peacock, Ken Perry and Skip Mason, review the charter and discuss the goals of the Air Force Aviation Heritage Foundation. Peacock and Mason are retired colonels from the Air Force Reserve who flew several Vietnam and Korean War-era aircraft. (Photo by Chief Master Sgt. David Curtis)

served their country during the 1950s, 60s, and 70s. They flew and maintained such legacies as the C-124 Globemaster aircraft, the C-7A Caribou from the 70s and 80s, as well as the C-130 Hercules, which has been flying since the late 50s.

experiences and historical perspectives from the Korean and Vietnam Wars to future generations of Americans," said retired Air Force Reserve Col. Skip Mason. "We hope to instill a sense of patriotism in younger people which, in turn, is good for the Air

Force, Air Guard and Reserve." Mason retired as commander of the 403rd Wing at Keesler AFB, Miss.

"We started the foundation with some basic members who see the value and vision of such an effort," continued Perry. "In order to succeed with this type of volunteerism, it's important that the people who maintained and flew these aircraft and who worked with and operated the equipment be involved in the preservation of the Air Force legacy."

Perry, who hopes to see the foundation grow to a national level, points out that obtaining a single piece of equipment or memorabilia involves a number of obstacles that have to be worked through. First, just obtaining the equipment is a challenge, then restoring it and finding a home for it add more work. Finally, showing it to the public and maintaining it highlight the goal of the foundation.

Anyone interested in providing technical or logistical to support the preservation of Air Force history by working with current restoration projects or by defining new projects are encouraged to call. Your participation would be appreciated by foundation members and by generations to come. For more information about the foundation, call (770) 985-9749.

Using morale calls

By Tech. Sgt. Stan Coleman,
Public Affairs

Military members, separated from their families, have enough to be concerned about with their everyday duties without the stress of not having a means of communicating with their loved ones, especially in case of an emergency.

Morale calls, under the guidance of Air Force Instruction 33-111, provide a means of quickly contacting loved ones, especially for those unexpected emergencies. The morale call program is available to Air Force reservists and civilian employees assigned overseas or at remote locations.

"Our present voice communications system requires the assistance of an operator to provide a local connection for an incoming morale call from a service member," said Dale Griffith, Dobbins ARB communications and information manager. "At present, operator-assisted morale calls can only be provided during normal business hours (7 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or during a drill weekend by calling DSN 925-1110.

"We're now working to implement a permanent automated attendant system, similar to the one at Fort McPherson," said Griffith. "We've upgraded our telephone service to temporarily permit morale calls after normal duty hours."

The new system allows an outside

call by dialing into the Defense Switch Network at DSN 925-5577, he said. After the number is dialed, the caller has approximately 10 seconds to dial a local number with the area codes 404, 678, and 770. There are no voice instructions to assist the caller, only a dial tone is heard. Callers then dial the number they wish to access, by using the prefix "99," then the area code followed by the seven-digit number. The DSN "94" prefix or the long-distance "98" prefix are not allowed. There is also a limit on the number of people that can use this system at the same time.

Officials at Fort McPherson request that only Army personnel use their automated attendant system. But if there is an emergency and you're unable reach Dobbins voice mail system you can dial DSN 367-4663 at Fort McPherson to place your emergency call.

AFI 33-111 dictates that health, morale and welfare calls should not exceed 15 minutes. For the benefit of each service member and their families, the commander is asking anyone who may have need to use the after hour system to follow this guideline.

"We plan to have a new morale call system in place by next year, after a new overall upgrade of our present voice mail system," added Griffith. "We still ask that morale calls during normal business hours be dialed to DSN 925-1110."

Maintenance Squadron sweeps quarterly awards

The wing announced the winners of the quarterly award competition for the period ending Sept. 30, and it was a clean sweep for the 94th Maintenance Squadron.

The Airman of the Quarter is Senior Airman Dana Callahan, an aircraft pneumatic system journeyman. "Callahan's attention to detail and dedication have led to significant contributions to the 94th Maintenance Squadron at home as well as during world wide deployments," wrote Lt. Col. Fred Alley, commander of the 94th Logistics Group in his endorsement comments.

The NCO of the Quarter is Tech. Sgt. Kelly Wood, an electronic warfare systems craftsman. Among other accomplishments, Wood was recognized for outstanding performance during a Joint Guardian deployment to Germany supporting operations to Bosnia and Kosovo.

The Senior NCO of the Quarter is Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Hogan, a communication/navigation systems supervisor. Hogan was recognized for performance during deployments to Operation Coronet Oak in the Caribbean and to Operation Joint Forge 2000 in Europe.

Relay for Life benefits American Cancer Society research

For the second year in a row, volunteers from Dobbins Air Reserve Base are coming together as a team to participate in the Relay for Life.

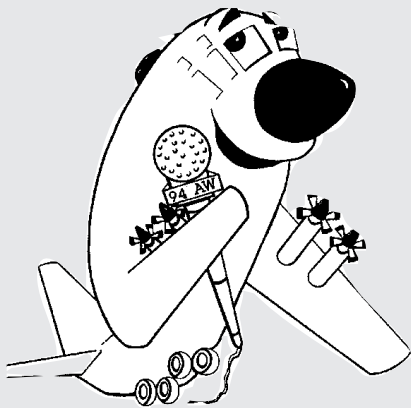
Between now and the relay on May 18 - 19, 2001, members of the team will be holding fundraisers in an attempt to reach the goal of raising \$10,000.

The money will be donated to the American Cancer Society and will be used for programs of research, education and service.

So, keep your eyes open for your chance to help. Fundraisers will be happening all over base. Anyone interested in taking part in fundraising or being on the team can contact Senior Master Sgt. J.J. Scott at (770) 919-5711.



Herk Wonders



Who do you admire as a veteran?

“I admire my father, Oscar Webb, who served in Vietnam.”

Senior Airman Keith Webb, 80th Aerial Port Squadron, air transportation worker

“My father, retired Buck Sgt. Jesse Atchison, is the veteran I admire most.”

Airman 1st Class David Atchison, 94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs, Public Affairs apprentice

“I really admire the career of Col. Baffey, he was one of the first black officers to receive recognition.”

Master Sgt. Donna Booker, 94th Services Squadron, individual mobile augmentee

“I admire my dad, Felton Sutton, for serving in the Vietnam War.”

Airman 1st Class Joseph Sutton, 94th Services Squadron

“My father, Everett Burton, served in the Army during World War II and I admire him for that.”

Tech. Sgt. Leman Burton, 94th Logistics Support Squadron

“General Colin Powell, because of his achievements and perseverance, is the veteran I admire most.”

Tech. Sgt. Rosa Bell, 94th Missions Support, personnel employment craftsman

“That’s easy. My mother’s father who served in Korea, and her brother who served in Vietnam. They were volunteers who left their family behind to do stand up for what was right for our country.

Senior Airman, Briana Ontiveros, 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron and Dobbins Honor Guard

November UTA Schedule

*This schedule is subject to change

Schedule of events, Saturday, Nov. 4

TIME	ACTIVITY (OPR)	LOCATION
0700-0830	OPEN RANKS/SIGN IN (CC)	UNIT ASGND
0730-0800	WING ELEMENT STAFF MTG	BLDG 838/RM 1202
0730-0900	NEWCOMERS INTRO	BLDG 838/WCR
0730-1600	US ARMY (433RD CHEM DET)	SFS RANGE
0800	ANNUAL WALK	FLIGHTLINE
0800	COMMANDER’S CALL(94 LG)	BLDG 838/BAY 2
0900	COMMANDER’S CALL(94 OG/WING)	BLDG 838/BAY 2
1000	COMMANDER’S CALL(94 SPTG)	BLDG 838/BAY 2
1045	CCAF GRADUATION RECEPTION	BLDG 838/BAY 2
0800-1400	UNIT DEPLOYMENT MGRS TNG(XP)	BLDG 838/TNET RM
0900-1100	NBCWD TNG (REFRESHER TNG)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
0900-1600	NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION	BLDG 838/RM 1202
1000-1100	PCIII WORKERS GP (OCT/JAN/APR/JUL)	BLDG 827/RM 208B
1100-1200	FIRST SERGEANTS GP MTG	94AES/BLDG 732
1300-1500	CDC EXAMS	BLDG 838/RM 2304
1300-1500	NBCWD TNG (REFRESHER TNG)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
1300-1400	“PREPARING YOUR RESUME” (FR)	BLDG 838/RM 2313
1500-1600	DEPLOYMENT MGRS MTG (XP)	BLDG 838/ WCR
1600	RETREAT (CC) UNIT: 94CES	BLDG 922/FRONT
1700-1800	DINNER (SVF)	CONSOL OPEN MESS (COM)
AS REQUIRED	SIGN OUT (CC)	UNIT ASGND

Schedule of events, Sunday, Nov. 5

TIME	ACTIVITY (OPR)	LOCATION
0645-0730	OPEN RANKS/SIGN IN (CC)	UNIT ASGND
0730	PHYSICAL EXAMS (AIRCREW)	NAVY CLINIC
0730-1600	US ARMY (433RD CHEM DET)	SFS RANGE
0800-1100	IMMUNIZATIONS	NAVY CLINIC
0800	PHYSICAL EXAMS (NON-AIRCREW)	NAVY CLINIC
0800-1200	MASK FIT TESTING UNIT: TBA	BLDG 838/CWD CLASS
0800-1400	UNIT DEPLYMENT MGRS TNG (XP)	BLDG 838/TNET ROOM
0830	OCCUPATIONAL PHYSICALS	BLDG 550/RM 201
0900-1000	COMMUNITY ACT INFO BD(CAIB)	BLDG 838/WCR
0900-1000	YELLOW FEVER SHOTS	NAVY CLINIC
0900-1000	TOP 3 MTG	TBD
0900-1200	CDC EXAMS	BLDG 838/RM 2304
1000	IG COMPLAINTS	BLDG 838/RM 2105
1000-1100	ESGR MTG	BLDG 838/RM 2121
1000-1030	ENL ADVISOR COUNCIL MTG (SEA)	BLDG 838/WCR
1000-1100	30-DAY RECORD REVIEW	BLDG 838/RM 1202
1030	WING CLIMATE ASSESSMT CMTE	BLDG 838/WCR
1100-1230	RECDS MGMT CLASS (3AOX1)	BLDG 838/RM 1202
1130	CMDR’S WORKING LUNCH	COM (MARIETTA RM)
1200-1500	LOGMOD TG TNG(XP)	BLDG 827/2ND FL
1300-1400	FLYING SAFETY	BLDG 727/700 AS
1300-1500	IMMUNIZATIONS	NAVY CLINIC
1300-1400	FLYING SAFETY	BLDG 727/700 AS
1300-1600	MEO EO-2000 TRAINING (SA)	BLDG 838/RM 1202
1315-1400	SUPERVISOR SAFETY TNG (MAR/JUN/SEP/DEC)	BLDG 744/2ND FL TNG RM
1500-1600	NEWCOMERS MTG (94AW/CC) (MAR/JUN/SEP/DEC)	CONSOL OPEN MESS (COM)
1545-1630	SIGN OUT (CC)	UNIT ASGND

Fourth Annual Fall Fling bigger and better

By Courtney E. Hurtt,
Public Affairs

A moment of silence gradually fell across the crowd at this year’s Fall Fling. At first murmurs were heard in the far corners of Bay 2 in Building 838, but they slowly faded as the people of Dobbins paused to remember the lost crew members of the USS Cole in Yemen.

The silence was a somber reminder in the middle of last month’s celebration that servicemembers around the world are constantly at risk as they place their lives on the line for the United States.

The fling was started four years ago by the Dobbins Chiefs Group as a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Air Force and has grown into an annual chili, wings, and game competition. With plenty of food and drinks, it’s cost-free to members of the military, Dobbins employees and retirees and their families and guests. Contributions for door prizes go back into Dobbins ARB activities.

“We owe lots of thanks this year to the many people who helped make this event possible,” said Chief Master Sgt. Greg Gamble, 22nd Air Force transportation manager and president of the Dobbins Chiefs Group.

“For example, one of our big concerns is feeding everyone,” explained Gamble. “Thanks to 94th Services Squadron we had 120 pounds of wings ready to serve while we waited for the judging. They also prepared enough chili to serve 500 people. The chiefs provided the meat and ingredients and Services provided the people and expertise. We really appreciate their support and it’s typical of how the whole fling falls into place. We’re already planning next year’s event and hope it will be even better.”

Highlighting the activities at this year’s fling were ceremonial weapons inspection performances by the 94th Airlift Wing Base Honor Guard. Members of this elite team perform in slow motion at the same time speeding up their weapon movements. Performing twice for the crowd were Staff Sgt. Carl Berghult, Senior Airman Bruce See, Jr., and Senior Airman Chad Beaver, all from the 80th Aerial Support Squadron and Senior Airman Angela Steger from the 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron.

Heading up the chili judging team were Command Chief Master Sergeants Charles Lowe, 22nd Air Force, and James Woods, 94th Airlift Wing. The Dobbins Top Three entry won the best chili while the 80th Aerial Port Squadron won the best wings. Public Affairs won the best game, as usual. How do these guys do it?

“I was overjoyed with this event and feel it’s really a worthwhile activity for our base,” said Woods, attending his first fling. “I know I had a great time and it looked like everyone else did too. The food was excellent, but I have to tell you some of the hot chili sent me scrabbling for a drink.”



Football frenzy

Are you ready for some football? Club members who enjoy football can win prizes at the Dobbins Consolidated Club this football season, including trips to major football events. "This year's Football Frenzy involves exciting new giveaways," said Josie Cooper, club manager. Just stop by the club Friday evenings between 4 - 6 p.m. and you could win some great gifts.

The club will also host a "Super Bowl Party" on Super Bowl Sunday. The club will be giving away prizes at the party such as: one \$150 MasterCard gift card, "Football Frenzy" T-shirts, and much more. You must be present during the Super Bowl in order to win prizes. For more information regarding "Football Frenzy" or our Super Bowl Party please call us at (770) 919-4975.

Membership drive

The Dobbins Consolidated Club kicked off its annual membership drive Oct. 1. Between now and Dec. 31, each new club member and each current member who refers a new member will receive a \$10 gift certificate for an evening dining experience in the club any Wednesday, Friday, or Saturday. To round off the membership drive, a grand-prize drawing will be held during the Jan. 13 membership night. One of the grand prizes will be a DVD player. The other prize is just that....a surprise. Sign up now and immediately reap the benefits of club membership. It costs nothing to join. Just fill out an application and you will be billed either \$5 per month for enlisted personnel or \$6 for officers. There are no sign up fees or annual charges. Call the club at (770) 427-5551 or ask any Services employee for more information.

50% off camping equipment

Take your family and friends into the wilderness one last time this year with this special rental offer. From Oct. 30 to Nov. 15, you can rent all camping equipment for 50 percent off the listed rental price. This includes all equipment except the Aerolite campers, which still leaves you plenty to choose from. Take a look at the all-new A-Line campers, pop-ups and our great selection of other camping gear. The great outdoors never looks better than in the fall of the year. An offer like this only comes around once a year.

Super BINGO

Super Bingo returns to the Dobbins Consolidated Club Nov. 16. You could take home up to \$4,000.

Make plans to attend today and get to the club early. The "Early Bird" game will be called at 6:45 p.m. All cards go on sale at

5 p.m. Super bingo begins at 7 p.m.

A house pack purchase is required for entry into the playing room. House packs include every game and are only \$25, with additional house packs at \$15.

A valid club card is required for play. Members may bring a reasonable number of guests; however, guests must be signed in and accompanied by the member. Anyone eligible for club membership will not be considered eligible for a guest pass. Individuals 16 years of age or older are eligible for play.

Military Families Appreciation Week

The week of Nov. 19 has been designated as "Military Families Appreciation Week." As we celebrate this week of Thanksgiving, gratitude is extended to the families of the 94th Airlift Wing who give so much to the military and this wonderful country.

Few of the members of the 94th AW could do their jobs as well as they do without their spouses, or other family members who may be taking care of the home front, our children, and sacrificing quality time, weekends and vacations.

The 94th AW Family Readiness program will soon be mailing out the "Guide to Reserve Family Member Benefits." The booklet provides an overview of military benefits and how to access them. It identifies eligibility requirements associated with some entitlements and lets you know where you can obtain assistance when you have specific questions and problems.

Also, enclosed will be information on the 94th AW Family Readiness Center. The center is staffed during the week and on the UTA weekend to provide assistance. The center continues to recruit volunteers who might be interested in assisting now or at the time of major mobilization/deployment.

Services Combat Training Thanksgiving luncheon

The annual Services Combat Training Thanksgiving luncheon will be Monday, Nov. 20 at Bldg. 410, 1084 readiness room. Lunch will be served at 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m., noon and 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$3.20 and the menu includes turkey, ham, dressing, cranberries, mashed potatoes, green beans, sweet potatoes, rolls, coffee, tea and dessert. Please call Ibby Allison at (770) 919-4865 by Nov.13 to reserve a seat.

Thanksgiving buffet

Spend less time slaving over a hot oven this Thanksgiving and spend more quality family time. Let the Consolidated Club serve your Thanksgiving dinner. The buffet will be served Thursday, Nov. 23 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. The menu will feature hand-

carved tender roast beef and delicious honey baked ham, turkey and dressing, sweet potato souffle, corn and green beans. There will also be plenty of your favorite gourmet salads and desserts. To make reservations, please call the club at (770) 427-5551. Adult member price is \$12.95; children 4-12 eat for \$6; and children under 4 eat free.



Lights of Life to illuminate night sky

Millions of Christmas lights will set the holiday season aglow at Life University's campus, beginning Saturday, Nov. 18 through Dec. 31.

The 12th annual Lights of Life display begins with an opening ceremony on Nov. 18.

Children are invited to meet Santa Claus on Friday and Saturday nights at Life's 19th Century Historic Village from 6 to 10 p.m. beginning Nov. 24 and 25 through Dec. 15 and 16.

From 6 p.m. to midnight, this free light extravaganza will adorn the 1.7-mile tour through Life's wooded campus on Barclay Circle. This display is the largest free holiday light presentation in Georgia.

The lighted attractions include a 10-step animated flight school, a forest full of trees, a 60-foot candy cane factory, a 65-foot Santa Claus, and many more dazzling scenes.

Donation boxes will be available to accept contributions from spectators.

Visitors can reach Life University by taking I-75 to Exit 261 (Dobbins Air Reserve Base/Delk Road), proceed west 1.5 miles and exit right onto Highway 41 (Cobb Parkway). Go to the next light and then turn left onto Barclay Circle at the Waffle House.

Visitors are encouraged to come early in the evenings, as well as early in the season to avoid traffic Congestion.

For more information, please call the Lights of Life Automated Infoline at (770) 794-3010.

New Year's Eve

The Consolidated Club will once again host its annual New Year's Eve party on Dec.

31. Tickets go on sale at 9 a.m., Dec. 5 for \$35 per person. The ticket price includes your choice of chateau briand or potato crusted salmon with all the trimmings. Also included is a split of Champagne to be served at 11:45 p.m. and breakfast will be served at 12:30 a.m. Party hats, favors, and decorations are also included. The entertainment for our celebration will be Marque Cooper.

A lodging representative will be on hand Dec. 5 during the New Year's Eve ticket sales. If you would like to make a lodging reservation for the New Year's Eve party you may do so at this time. Payment (non-refundable) is necessary at the time of reservations. Please be aware these are space available reservations and are subject to change due to military requirements.

Glowmobile

The Georgia License On Wheels (GLOWMOBILE) will be in the base exchange parking lot from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1. Refer questions to Bobby Price at (770) 919-4830.

Customer service hours

Hours of operation for customer service are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. During drill weekends the hours are Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Questions can be directed to customer service at (770) 919-4880. As of Aug. 1, extension (770) 919-4881 is a fax line.

Family Readiness

Family Readiness continues to visit units to conduct classes to assist members with their personal readiness plan. Family members should always know where significant documents are located, such as wills and powers of attorney, insurance policies, birth and marriage certificates and bank account numbers.

If you are interested in volunteering to join a unit Family Support Group (FSG), please contact Family Readiness. The FSGs will assist at the time of mobilizations, deployments and disasters. During the December UTA, Family Readiness will be meeting with the 94th Security Forces Squadron FSG. Each month, Family Readiness will meet with a different unit's FSG.

On Saturday of the November UTA, Family Readiness will sponsor a class on "Preparing your Resume" in room 2313 of building 838. On Sunday the 94th Airlift Wing Community Action Information Board (CAIB) will meet at 9 a.m. in Wing executive conference room in building 838.

For more information, contact J. Ealy Ritter at (770) 919-5004. If out of the Atlanta area call toll free (888) 436-2246, Ext. 9-5004.

Newly Assigned

Lt. Col. James Stewart
Maj. Nevenka Metikos
Capt. Judah Bradley
Capt. Edrick Ferguson
Capt. Paul Harvey
Capt. Jeffrey Hentz
Capt. David Scott
Master Sgt. James Garrett
Master Sgt. Anthony Rosh
Tech. Sgt. Cheyenne Futrell
Tech. Sgt. Richard Grietentrog
Tech. Sgt. David Jones
Tech. Sgt. Joseph Konar
Tech. Sgt. James Lewis
Tech. Sgt. Anthony Parker
Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Hutchinson
Staff Sgt. Dustin Little
Staff Sgt. Mickey Smith
Staff Sgt. Kimberly Wells
Senior Airman Zandra Hayes
Senior Airman Renardo Lee

Senior Airman Chantel Parker
Senior Airman Clarence Ray
Senior Airman Christopher Tinson
Airman 1st Class Richard Chenoweth
Airman 1st Class Dianne Craig
Airman 1st Class Robert Crump
Airman 1st Class James Hillman
Airman 1st Class Keary Kelley
Airman 1st Class Brian McCullum

FY00 Air War College Seminar Graduates

94th Airlift Wing:
Lt. Col. Harold Huddleston
Lt. Col. Leola McNeill
Lt. Col. Eric Shiakalis (Class Leader)
Lt. Col. William Watkins (Class Administrator)

22nd Air Force:
Lt. Col. Brent Hill
Lt. Col. Mary Hill
Lt. Col. Michael Ochs
Lt. Col. Theron Stancil

FORSCOM:
Lt. Col. Deatrix Morris

FY00 Air Command and Staff College Seminar Graduates

94th Airlift Wing:
Mr. Scott Brasfield
Maj. Gary Carruthers (Class Leader)
Maj. Ken Denman
Maj. Mark Heiser
Maj. Mike McCully
Maj. Kerry Self

Georgia Air National Guard:
Maj. Jean Specht

Award winners

Outstanding Civilian, 94MSS/DPMY
April - September 2000
William “Jerry” Turner

Air Force members urged to exercise right to vote

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Given that absentee voting has never been easier, every citizen should exercise their right to vote according to Polli Brunelli, director of the Federal Voting Assistance Program.

In the 1996 elections, 25 percent of military members did not vote because they did not receive their requested ballots or did not receive them in time to vote and return them by the state deadlines for counting, Brunelli said. FVAP officials want to ensure military members have a successful voting process.

“That is the purpose of this year’s Armed Forces Voters Week, which began Sept. 3,” Brunelli said. “We hope to encourage everyone under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to make a proper request to register to vote and to do so in a timely manner. We’re saying: Do it now.”

Absentee voting has never been easier, Brunelli explained. Each installation has a voting assistance officer who can provide guidance on how to register, how to vote by absentee ballot and how to contact the Federal Voting Assistance Program, if needed.

The biggest obstacle facing military members and their families who have yet to register is time.

“There is not much time left before the general election on Nov. 7,” Brunelli

stressed. “Anyone wishing to register should fill out a postage-paid Federal Post Card Application (for voting by absentee ballot) and return it before Oct. 9. If someone can’t get access to the cardstock FPCA, there is a non postage-paid version available online, however, it is only accepted by 42 states.”

It is important to return the FPCA as early as possible, according to federal voting officials, because each application must be reviewed by the local election official for eligibility before the proper absentee ballot can be sent to the requesting member. Military members should notify their local election officials when they move so the absentee ballot will be sent to the proper address.

Voters can expect to receive their absentee ballots 30 to 45 days before an election, voting officials said. If a ballot has not been received two to three weeks before an election, people should contact the FVAP ombudsman service for assistance in determining when their ballot was mailed.

“Our U.S. citizens overseas may use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot as a back-up ballot to vote for federal offices under certain conditions,” Brunelli said.

To be eligible to use a FWAB a citizen must:

- Be located overseas (including APO/FPO addresses);
- apply for a regular ballot early enough so the request is received by the local election official at least 30 days before

the election.

- meet the state’s voting eligibility requirements, and;
- not have received the requested regular absentee ballot.

The FWAB is available from voting assistance officers located at all military installations and at U.S. embassies or consulates.

“We’re recommending that these overseas citizens send the FWAB to the local election official around Oct. 14, 2000,” Brunelli said. “They should still vote the state ballot whenever it arrives. If the state ballot arrives by the state deadline for counting, local election officials will count the state ballot and discard the FWAB.”

In addition to the traditional process, the FVAP office is undertaking measures to bring voter registration and absentee voting into the 21st century.

“We are still looking for military members who are voting residents of South Carolina, Orange County, Fla., and Weber County, Utah, to participate in an Internet pilot project that will enable them to register to vote absentee, request an absentee ballot and submit their voted ballot for the 2000 general election over the pilot system,” Brunelli said.

“It is our civic responsibility to vote,” she said. “I encourage all our military and their eligible family members to participate in the democracy they so ably defend.”

Organic or not organic
By Staff Sgt. Houston Gilliland, Jr.
94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

One should think twice before passing up the green, funny-looking orange with the sticker indicating that it has been organically grown. It might not look as good as the conventional orange, which is less expensive, perfectly shaped, and brightly colored, but the odd-looking one could be better for you.

Organic foods are those produced without dyes and synthetic substances like chemical pesticides and artificial fertilizer. Organic foods have increased in popularity and can now be found in chain grocery stores.

Organic foods are certified by either a state or private certifying agency, depending on the state. State lawmakers want to pass a law that could set a standard for certification.

Congress passed a law in 1990 that prohibits organic growers from using chemicals, sewage sludge, ionized radiation and from planting genetically engineered crops. The U. S Department of Agriculture is revising rules that would implement these requirements.

Organic foods may cost 20 percent more, but many people say they are worth the price because pesticides cannot be washed off.

Do not confuse food grown on a farm certified by an organic association with food grown pesticide free. The latter means the soil used to grow the fruits or vegetables is in transition to organic — a process that takes six years of pesticide-free use.

Any fruit or vegetable can be grown organically, but be aware that the produce might not always be as fresh as its non-organic counterparts.

Recruiting from the 50-yard line:

Georgia Military College football player joins Air Force Reserve

By Senior Airman Asia Grimes,
Public Affairs

Georgia Air Force Reserve recruiters are going above and beyond to find new recruits for the service these days, as new inductee Kevin Foster found out.

The Georgia Military college football player recently took the oath that will change him from sophomore football star to Air Force Reserve member.

At 19, Foster already has experience with the armed forces, although he has not yet worn a uniform. Growing up traveling from the shores of Lunsford, Germany to Milledgeville, Ga., Army brat Foster always knew the armed forces would play a large part in his life. But, unlike his parents, who both served in the Army, his military career will include a trip to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas for Air Force basic training, before starting a career in the Air Force Reserve with the 908th Civil Engineer Squadron, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Following in his parents' footsteps is nothing new for this only child whose first two loves in life are "his mom and football," respectively. So no one was surprised when his military science teacher inducted him into the Air Force Reserve, as his parents proudly watched.

"Being inducted on the field was actually my tactical instructors' idea," said the talented wide receiver. "We were supposed to be playing against the Air Force [Preparatory] team, but at the last minute the Air Force missed their flight, and the game was cancelled." But Foster did not miss his chance to join the Air Force Reserve as an electrical systems apprentice.

"I've been playing football since I was 5 years old, and it has always been a challenge. But when I was playing football in high school I realized something was missing," he said. During his sophomore year in high school, Foster joined the Air Force JROTC where he faced a new set of challenges, and decided to pursue his dream of being a pilot. "I like challenges, and for me, earning a commission and going to flight school will be a definite challenge," said the computer science major. Foster will graduate from basic training as an airman 1st class, because of his JROTC training.

Foster will join other future airmen at Lackland AFB in April 2001, after finishing his winter semester as a junior at Georgia Military College. Although he has no immediate plans to finish college, he knows there is a degree or two in his future. For now, he only has one challenge on his mind — the challenge of becoming a first-rate member of the Air Force Reserve.



Kevin Foster takes the oath of enlistment from his ROTC Military Science professor.
(Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)

Protocol Corner

The military salute (Part 1)

By Capt. Mary Harp,
Protocol officer

Your military bearing — it involves the wear of your uniform, rendering the proper courtesy to your superiors, subordinates, and peers, as well as a number of other factors that you represent as a military professional. Proper military courtesy is a tradition as old as our country's early military.

One of the most basic forms of military courtesy is the salute.

There is no exact reference point for the origin of the salute. Many references, military and civilian, refer its origin to the medieval knight's gesture of raising his visor to reveal his identity to another knight or superior in greeting.

Some references document the gesture of removing the headgear by British soldiers in the presence of their superiors, as late as the American Revolutionary War, as a salute. As the British soldier's hat became more bulky and difficult to remove, the act of removing the hat changed to the gesture of grapping the visor.

From that period to this day, our modern form of the hand salute evolved.

Whom to salute

According to tradition, junior rank salutes senior rank first. The one exception is when a unit commander gives an official report to an adjutant who might be junior.

Commissioned or warrant officers, as well as any commissioned officer of a friendly foreign country is entitled to a salute.

Also, the President of the United States, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Air Force should be saluted. Saluting doesn't always require the wear of the military uniform. Some military members exchange salutes in civilian clothes upon recognition. Superiors should always return salutes rendered by subordinates.

When to salute

A salute is given upon recognition of the senior rank. The salute should be offered early enough to allow the senior time to return it. A verbal greeting is given before the person receiving the salute passes. A "good morning, ma'am" or "good afternoon, sir" is appropriate according to the time of day. The greeting can be personalized with "good morning, Colonel Kane." The senior rank should respond in kind if they know your name.

Salutes should be exchanged when outdoors and in uniform. If a group is formed and there is no one in charge, the first person to see a senior officer will call the group's attention to his approach, and all members of junior rank will salute. A military formation calls for the person in charge of it to salute for all members of the formation (unless the formation consists of no more than four persons, then everyone salutes).

Work detail members are not required to salute if working. If an officer addresses a detail member, the individual should come to attention and salute. At the end of the conversation, salutes are exchanged again.

If a government vehicle displays a symbol of rank (for

instance a general star on the bumper plate or plate on the dashboard inside the windshield), a salute is given and held as soon as the vehicle is seen and has passed by or the salute has been returned. An empty staff car should not be saluted.

Saluting the U.S. flag

The U.S. flag is saluted in passing, when it is not wrapped and covered with a canvas case, by servicemembers outdoors and in uniform. The service member should stand at attention and salute six paces before the flag is even with their body and he or she should hold the salute after the flag has passed six paces.

In civilian clothes you should stand at attention and place the right hand over the heart. Men should remove their hats and hold it with their right hand over their heart. Women are not required to remove their hats.

If the flag is wrapped and covered with a canvas case, honors are not required.

Flags on stationary flagstaffs are saluted during Reveille, Retreat or during special ceremonies. One exception is the boarding of a U.S. Navy ship. It is customary to first salute the "ensign" (U.S. flag) flying aft (near the rear of the ship) prior to saluting the officer of the deck and requesting permission to board the vessel.

(Writer's Note: The Salute Part 2 will include: courtesies to Reveille, Retreat, To The Colors, or the National Anthem; courtesies to the Air Force Song; saluting on the flight line; saluting while with an officer and a second officer approaches; saluting at a military funeral; saluting when at double-time or jogging; reporting to a senior officer indoors; proper courtesies indoors with/without cover; and the exceptions to saluting.)